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Title	Method and Device for Removing Gas From Gas Containing Blood		

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## RESPONSE

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This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 23, 2002, and identified as paper number 34. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

## AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 24-29 and the remaining claims to read as follows:

22.A device for extracting gas bubbles from blood comprising:

a housing having an input channel and an outlet channel;

said input channel and said outlet channel being concentric along a

housing axis;